

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-7 and 11 are pending in the instant application. Claims 8-10 have been canceled.

Response to Final Action

Applicant's response and terminal disclaimers filed on 4/28/2008 are acknowledged. The rejections and objections made in the previous office action are withdrawn.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimers filed on 4/28/2008 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. PAT NOS 7,041,689 and 7,282,513 have been reviewed and are accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Reasons for Allowance

The present invention is directed to cyclic sulfonamide compounds. The closest prior art of record is Applicants own U.S. PAT NOS 7,041,689 and 7,282,513 of which terminal disclaimers have been filed and approved. Therefore claims 1-7 and 11 are allowed.

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susannah Chung whose telephone number is (571) 272-6098. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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Susannah Chung, June 2, 2008